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HOUSE BILL NO. 172

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HUNTING: Prohibits the use of certain types of sights for hunting

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3), relative to methods of taking certain birds and
3 quadrupeds; to provide for prohibited equipment used to take game birds and wild
4 quadrupeds; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §116.1. Wild birds and wild quadrupeds; times and methods of taking; penalties

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9 B. No person shall do any of the following:

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11 (3) Take or kill any game bird or wild quadruped with a firearm fitted with
12 any device to deaden or silence the sound of the discharge thereof; or fitted with an
13 infrared sight, ~~electrically-operated laser sight, or any sighting device which projects~~
14 a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target, or
15 device specifically designed to enhance vision at night; or with or by means of an
16 automatic loading or hand operated repeating shotgun capable of holding more than
17 three shells. Any shotgun capable of holding more than three shells shall be plugged
18 with a one-piece filler incapable of removal through the loading end, so as to reduce
19 the capacity of the gun to not more than three shells at one loading.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Prohibits hunting game birds or wild quadrupeds with a firearm fitted with a laser sight or any sighting device designed to project a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target.

Present law prohibits the taking or killing of game birds or wild quadrupeds with a firearm fitted with a silencer, infrared sight, electronic operated sight, a device designed to enhance night vision, or with an automatic shotgun holding more than three shells. Such shotguns may be used if fitted with a plug to reduce the capacity to three shells.

Proposed law retains present law except changes from "electronic operated sight" to "laser sight" and prohibits any sighting device designed to project a beam of light to the target or otherwise electronically illuminates the target.

(Amends R.S. 56:116.1(B)(3))